(b) to (d) No Sir. NAIS does not cover perennial fruit crops like apple etc. The perennial crops for the time being are not included under the scheme because of their longer life span, as compared to the annual crops. However, insurance policies covering perennial crops like apple and other horticultural/ plantation crops are available with subsidiary companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India.

Agriculture science centres

†1547. PROF. RAM BAKHSH SINGH VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up more agricultural science centres to provide more and more knowledge on cultivation to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for this purpose in Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country. The activities of which include technology evaluation and assessment of its impact through on-farm testing and frontline demonstration, and its dissemination through training of farmers, and inservice personnel.

In addition to this, the Council is considering to strengthen the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up the additional functions of KVK in 53 districts where there is no KVK, to provide strong linkage between technology generation, assessment and refinement and dissemination. The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) A total of Rs. 200.00 crores has been allocated for the existing KVKs and Rs. 10.78 crores for strengthening the selected ZARSs during the Ninth Plan.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Districts Identified for Strengthening of Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take the Additional Functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendra ***(KVK)***

SN	State	No. of Districts Identified	Name of University/ Institute	Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	ANGRAU, Hyderabad	1. Nellore 2.Prakasam 3. Adilabad
2.	Assam	6	AAU, Jorhat	4. Naogaon 5. Karbi Anglong 6. Lakhimpur 7. Karimganj 8. Kamrup 9. Tinsukia
3.	Bihar	3	RAU, Pusa	10. Rohtas 11. Bhagalpur 12. Santhal Pargana
4.	Gujarat	3	GAU	13. Surat 14. Rajkot 15. Junagarh
5.	Himachal Pradesh	3	HPKVV. Palampur	16. Lahaul & Spiti 17. Bilaspur 18. Solan
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	SKU AT	19. Kargil
7.	Karnataka	8	UAS, Bangalore	20. Sliimoga 21. Tumkur 22. Mandya 23. Bangalore (Rural) 24.Chitradurga 25. Gulbarga 26. Uttar Kannada

SIN	State	No. of Districts Identified	Name of University/ Institute	Districts
8.	Kerala	2	KAU Thrissur CPCRI, Kasargod	28. Kottayam 29. Allepay
9.	Madhya Pradesh	4	JNKVV, Jabalpur	30. Morena 31. Hoshangabad 32. West Nimar (Khargaone)
10.	Maharashtra	4	PKV, Akola KKV, Dapoli MAU, Parbani	34. Yavatmal 35. Chandrapur 36. Raigad Roha 37. Osmanabad
11.	Orissa	2	OUAT, Bhubneshwar	38. Bhadrak 39. Navarangpur
12	Punjab	1	PAU, Ludhiana	40. Ropar
13	Rajasthan	1	RAU, Bikaner	41. Sriganganagar
14.	Tamil Nadu	3	TNAU, Coimbatore	42. Kanyakumari 43. Puddukkotai 44. Ramanad
15.	Uttar Pradesh	8	GBPUAT Pantnagar CSAUAT, Kanpur NDUAT, Faizabad	45. Nainital 46. Mainpuri 47. Mahoba 48. Kanpur Dehat 49. Gorakhpur 50. Faizabad 51. Maharajganj 52. Sonbhadra
16	West Bengal	1	BCKVV, Mohanpur	53. Coochbehar

Devastation due to rain in Madhya Pradesh

†1548. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted any memorandum to Government regarding the devastation caused due to heavy

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